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EDUCATED NKT CELLS AND THEIR USES

IN THE TREATMENT OF IMMUNE-RELATED)

DISEASES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF JUNE 21, 2006

Dear Sirs:

In the Office Action of June 21, 2006, the Examiner requested restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of Groups I-VIII, which are purportedly distinct inventions. Applicants hereby

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provisionally elect <u>Group II</u>, which covers claims 3, 5-15, 19, 24 and 32, drawn to a method of treatment using NKT cells as an anti-inflammatory, classified in Class 424, subclass 93.21, according to the Office Action, with <u>traverse</u>. Applicants hereby provisionally elect Autoimmune Liver Disease as the specific immune-related or immune-mediated disorder, with <u>traverse</u>. Applicants also hereby provisionally elect antigens or epitopes as the set of culture conditions with <u>traverse</u>, and also elect "allogenic antigens obtained from donors suffering from said immune-related or immune-mediated disease", with <u>traverse</u>. Applicants moreover reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter.